



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL STEVEN M. BOWER

Colonel Steven M. Bower is vice commander, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM. The wing's mission is to provide munitions maintenance, readiness and base operating support for the third largest installation in Air Force Materiel Command. The wing operates two munitions repair depots (at Kirtland AFB and Nellis AFB) and is host to approximately 200 associate units including the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Air Force Safety Center, Air Force Inspection Agency, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Air Force Research Laboratories, 58th Special Operations Wing, U.S. Department of Energy, and Sandia National Laboratories.

The colonel entered the Air Force in 1977 through the New Mexico State University ROTC program. He has served in a variety of positions in the acquisition career field in System Program Offices and at the MAJCOM and SECAF level. He has also served as a missile launch crew commander, as the MAJCOM personnel chief for assignments of acquisition, scientific and contracting officers, and in various command and command staff positions. He assumed his current position in November 2001.

EDUCATION:

- 1977 Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Economics, New Mexico State Univ.
- 1980 Master of Science Degree in Business, Troy State University, Alabama
- 1984 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 1985 Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- 1992 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 1978-July 1980, Configuration, Program Control Project Officer, munitions, fuzes, GBU-15, AMRAAM, Munitions Systems Program Office, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
2. July 1980-July 1981, Program Manager, GPU-5/A 33 mm Ammunition Loading system, Munitions Systems Program Office, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
3. July 1981-December 1981, Student, ICBM combat crew training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and Vandenberg Air Force Base, California
4. December 1981-May 1983, Combat Crew Commander/Executive Crew Commander, 570th Strategic Missile Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona
5. May 1983-July 1983, Student, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
6. August 1983-May 1984, Chief, Recurring Training Division, 390th Strategic Missile Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona
7. May 1984-July 1985, Chief, Aircrew Eye/Respiratory Protection, Aeronautical Equipment System Program Office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
8. July 1985-July 1986, Student, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

9. January 1986-July 1987, Chief, Life Support Division, Aeronautical Equipment System Program Office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
10. August 1987-January 1989, Systems Staff Officer, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
11. January 1989-August 1991, Chief, Acquisition, Scientific and Contracting Management Assignments Branch, Headquarters Air Force System Command and Staff College, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
12. August 1991-June 1992, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
13. June 1992-July 1994, Program Element Monitor, Follow-on Tactical Reconnaissance System, Secretary of the Air Force/Acquisition, Pentagon, Washington, DC
14. August 1994-June 1996, Inspector General, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
15. June 1996-January 1998, Deputy Director, Technology and Industrial Support Directorate, San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
16. January 1998-September 1998, Deputy Support Group Commander, 76th Support Group, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
17. October 1998-July 1999, Chief, Commanders' Action Group, 76th Air Force Base, Texas
18. August 1999-June 2001, Deputy Commander, 377th Support Group, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
19. June 2001-November 2001, Special Assistant to the Commander, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
20. November 2001-Present, Vice Commander, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	26 August 1977
First Lieutenant	26 August 1979
Captain	26 August 1981
Major	1 September 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	1 December 1993
Colonel	1 May 2001

(Current as of November 2001)